

The Catholic Parish of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints, Bletchley

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY 3rd/4th January 2026

Liturgies this Week

STA: St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE

AS: All Saints Church, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

Saturday 3rd January Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Christine Stewart, RIP
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Sunday 4th January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

AS	9.00am	D'Mello Family, Int.
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AS	11.00am	Pro Populo
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STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls
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Monday 5th January AM: Christmas Feria / PM: Vigil of Epiphany

STA	10.00am	Mary & Jim Clancy & Family, Int.
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STA	7.00pm	
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Tuesday 6th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

AS	9.00am	Antonio & Concetta Zeolla, RIP
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STA	11.30am	
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AS	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
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Thursday 8th January Epiphany Feria

AS	10.00am	Mary Curran, Anniv. RIP
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Friday 9th January Epiphany Feria

STA	10.00am	Mr Arulanathan Santiagipillai, RIP
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Saturday 10th January Epiphany Feria

STA	9.30am	
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STA	6.00pm	Eileen & Andrew Kennedy, Anniv. RIP
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Sunday 11th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

AS	9.00am	George Martuccio, Anniv. RIP; Antonio Martuccio, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Giuseppe Tomeo, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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Regular Devotions

The Holy Rosary: Daily, 30mins before morning Mass, Monday to Friday; Saturdays, after 9.30am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays, 9.10am (STA)

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

After 10.00am Mass on Mondays, followed by Benediction

Confessions:

Thursday: 9.30am (AS) **None this week as Mass in STA**

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am (STA)

May God bless us in this New Year with the gift of His Peace

Home Visits

Do you have a loved one confined to their home or a care home who can no longer attend Mass? Would he/she like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from the Legion of Mary or the Knights of St Columba? If so, please contact Maggie on 01908 563277.

In Hospital?

Contact MK University Hospital Chaplaincy on 01908 996061.

Please inform them that you are a Catholic.

Local Catholic Schools:

Bishop Parker Primary School, MK2 3BT

01908 372129

www.bishopparker.co.uk

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, MK3 5DT

01908 373977

www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk

St Paul's Secondary School, MK6 5EN

01908 669735

www.st-pauls.org.uk

If you need help...call the SVP

If you or someone you know would benefit from their support, please make contact by calling **07788796378**.

If you want to make a financial donation to the work of the SVP via Bank Transfer, please use the following details: -

Account Name: **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Sort Code: **60-60-04** Account No: **46084789**

Angelus (said before the Vigil Mass)

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays: After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

Tuesdays: After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (AS)

Saturdays: After 9.30am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

Time spent before the Blessed Sacrament in the best time you will spend on earth. (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Bereavement Support Group

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
(Matthew 5:4).

Either one-to-one or (depending on future demand) in group meetings, our volunteers are here to listen to you, support you and reflect on our faith to guide us through difficult times.

Please contact us via the Parish office.

Our Lady of Fatima Home Visitation Information

A Blessed Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for families to take home on a Sunday or Saturday and returned the following week for another family to share the blessings in their home for a whole week. To request and book a visit of the Blessed Statue in your home, please contact one of the Custodians:

Arshi Colaco – 07454605655 (All Saints Church)

Othelia Fernandes – 07459483045 (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents/guardians who are requesting the sacrament of Baptism for their child will be at 7:00pm on

Monday 5th January 2026 in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are not able, currently, to accommodate young children. ***Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.***

Please Remember in Your Prayers

As many of us celebrate at this time of year with family and friends, please remember in your prayers those for whom this is sadly not a time of joy: the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved; we remember too the homeless, the hungry and those around the world who live in war zones or face persecution simply for following Jesus. May Christ grant them grace and peace this Christmas; and may they know that despite their trials they are surrounded by our love, support and prayers.

Crib Offerings

This year we will support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land through the charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). The help provided by ACN in the Holy Land since October 2023 has included emergency aid, food, housing, school fees, medical assistance to hundreds of Christian families, also job creation programmes, pastoral projects and support for Christian-run organisations. ACN also provides subsistence aid, Mass stipends, transportation, support for church construction projects and help with the formation of priests and religious congregations.

A New Term

As a new year begins, it also marks the start of a new term for the staff, governors and students at educational establishments. Do please keep them all in your prayers, and we pray especially for our local Catholic schools of St Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Parker and St Pauls, remembering too the young people who will be returning to their places of study to start a new term at university or college. May Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for them all.

"Jesus is Lord" Awakening Catholic Mega Convention

On **Saturday, 24th January 2026** at Bethel Convention Centre, Birmingham. There is going to be about 3000 people from different nationalities gathering in Jesus' name. The day will include Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sharing of the Word of God, Praise & Worship, Confession, 1 to 1 spiritual sharing and praying, powerful testimonies, and more. Price per person £15.00 for the coach leaving from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leadenhall & St Augustine's Church, Heelands.

For more information, please call Wilson Olakkengil on 07956381337 or Sajin Simon - 07760 898977

The Holy Year Draws to a Close

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis ceremonially opened the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, thus inaugurating the Holy Year of 2025. It has been a year that has seen many challenges and developments in the world, along with many changes; but it has also provided Catholics around the world with the opportunity to journey to Rome on pilgrimage, to pray at the Holy Sites, to undertake works of mercy and to gain the Jubilee Indulgence. It is a real blessing that a number of people from the parish and their families have made a pilgrimage to Rome in this Holy Year, and there they have prayed for us and for the many needs of the world. The Holy Year officially ends on the 6th January 2026, the Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord, so there is still time to get to Rome for the special Jubilee graces offered to pilgrims. May the many graces which pilgrims have received this past year be of spiritual benefit to the world, the Church and the people of our Diocese and Parish; may they bring closer the day when wars end and all people live in peace and harmony with one another.

White Flower Appeal 2026

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal the weekend of 17th/18th January. In the space of one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow women to abort their baby up to birth for any reason, and to legalise assisted suicide. **Life is under attack at every stage.** The fight is not over on either bill but whatever happens we must rise up and fight back. **Will you join us? Every life matters!** Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC in their work.

Epiphany House Blessing

Within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany, it is traditional to ask God's Blessing on our homes and those who live there or visit. Taking blessed chalk (*available in the sacristy*) write the following above the home's entrance, 20+C+M+B+26. The letters C, M, B are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Casper, Melchior and Balthazar; and they are also an abbreviation of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, (May Christ bless this house).

Using blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 26

while saying the following:

The Three Wise Men Casper, Melchior and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-six years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for The New Year

O Most Holy Trinity, during the coming year, bless the Catholic Church: convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thee; grant peace to the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends and relatives; assist the poor and the sick; and have pity on the faithful departed. May all our actions begin and likewise end through Thee. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAFOD

Give your unwanted Christmas Gifts to CAFOD - a box is available at the back of the Church. Many thanks

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes in the New Year. Fr Gerard